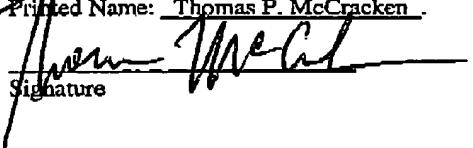


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 18 December 2001, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.